

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Conf. #: 3739
<b>Gang BAO, et al.</b>	)	
	)	Art Unit: 1743
Serial No. 10/694,243	)	
	)	Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones
Filed: October 27, 2003	)	
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For: MULTIFUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC	)	
NANOPARTICLE PROBES FOR	)	
INTRACELLULAR MOLECULAR IMAGING	)	
AND MONITORING	)	

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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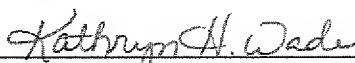
The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 6, 2006, a response which is due June 6, 2006, with a one month extension of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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